

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Commission**

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**ITEM**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Water Navigation Permit – Sunny Brae Golf Course footbridge**

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Pursuant to its authority under Iowa Code section 462A.32, the Commission is requested give the director the authority to approve an obstruction, a floating footbridge, that expands across a portion of the Cedar River in Mitchell County, Iowa. Iowa Code section 462A.32(2) reads: “No other obstruction of any kind shall be maintained in the waters of this state under the jurisdiction of the commission without first receiving permission from the commission to maintain such obstruction.”

Sunny Brae Golf Course, a nine-hole golf course, was first established in 1915. The Department had previously approved the use of this footbridge, as evidenced in prior permits issued to it. Recent complaints by canoeists, kayakers and other river users caused Sunny Brae to redesign the structure to accommodate those other uses on the river.

The Commission is asked give the director authority to grant the permit pursuant to Iowa Code section 462A.32(2) with the following restrictions, in addition to those in the previous permits, to ensure that the historical uses of the club are recognized while the access and ability to use the river by other recreational enthusiasts is protected:

- The permit shall be for a period of not to exceed ten years.
- The Club shall coordinate the design, installation and maintenance of the structure with the DNR’s Water Trails Program, or its successor, annually to ensure that other recreational activities taking place on the water shall be considered.

Robert Garrison, Law Enforcement Bureau Chief  
Conservation and Recreation Division  
April 8, 2010

Attachment: Picture of the footbridge, as it was installed in summer 2009  
Drawing of proposed footbridge, to be installed summer 2010

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This view is looking down river to the south.. West part of the bridge will have 3' – '3 ½' clearance going under the bridge.

